

REMARKS

Claims 129-200 are pending with claims 129-136 being independent. Claims 129-136, 140, 143, 148, 151, 156, 159, 164, 167, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197 and 199 have been amended. In particular, claims 129-136 have been amended to recite that the light emitting region includes the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material; claims 140, 143, 148, 151, 156, 159, 164 and 167 have been amended to more particularly recite properties of the portion (or central portion); and claims 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197 and 199 have been amended to correct dependency errors. Support for the amendments may be found in the application at, for example, Fig. 29B and page 34, line 18 to page 35, line 7. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 129, 130, 133, 134, 137-144 and 153-160 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Shi (U.S. Pre Grant Publication 6,130,001). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Shi does not describe or suggest a light emitting region comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material, and interposed between the hole transporting region and the electron transporting region, as recited in each of the independent claims. Shi similarly discloses that the organic electroluminescent medium layer 18 is composed of a continuous organic medium without heterojunctions, and that the layer 18 comprises a hole transporting material and an electron transporting material. However, Shi does not disclose that each of a hole transporting region and an electron transporting region is provided independently of the layer 18. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 131, 136, 145-152 and 161-200 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Shi in view of Thompson (U.S. Patent No. 6,303,238). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Thompson does not remedy the failure of Shi to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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